

02-27-04

**LJT** LOEFFLER JONAS & TUGGEY LLP  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

**AUSTIN**  
1001 Congress Avenue  
Suite 350  
Austin, TX 78701  
Tel. (512) 479-6403  
Fax (512) 479-8282

**SAN ANTONIO**  
755 East Mulberry, Suite 200  
San Antonio, TX 78212  
Tel. (210) 354-4300  
Fax (210) 354-4034  
www.ljtlaw.com

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
1801 K St., NW  
Suite 340  
Washington, D.C. 20006  
Tel. (202) 775-4430  
Fax (202) 775-0836

Direct (210) 244-8848  
Email: callen@ljtlaw.com

February 20, 2004

MAIL STOP-IDS  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RE: United States Patent Application  
Serial No.: 10/715,164  
Entitled: **PERSONALLY PORTABLE VACUUM DESICCATOR**  
Our Reference No.: 80337.00010

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing with the papers of the above-referenced application are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. PTO Form 1449 (1 page);
3. Copy of each non-U.S. patent reference listed on PTO Form 1449; and
4. Acknowledgement Post Card.

Applicant believes no fee is required for this submission; however, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 502248.

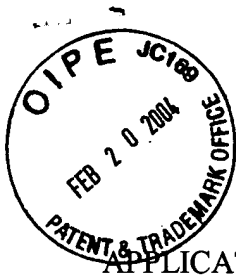
Respectfully submitted,

*Court B. Allen*

Courtenay B. Allen  
Reg. No. 43,469

EXPRESS MAIL "Post Office to Addressee" Mailing  
Label No.: EV307491364US  
Date of Deposit: February 20, 2004

CBA/lah  
Enclosures



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION SERIAL NO.  
10/715,164

INVENTOR: **RICHARD L. WATSON**

ASSIGNEE: **SPHERIC PRODUCTS, LTD.**

TITLE: **PERSONALLY PORTABLE  
VACUUM DESICCATOR**

§ ATTY DOCKET NO.: **80337.00010**

§

§

§

§ ART GROUP NO.: **To be Assigned**

§

§

§

§ EXAMINER: **To Be Assigned**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

MAIL STOP-IDS  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of candor and good faith to disclose all information known to be material to patentability under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner is requested to consider the following references submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98 and make them of record in the above-referenced application.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(g), this Information Disclosure Statement is not intended and should not be considered as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b) exists.

Similarly, in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not intended and should not be considered to be an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b).

As this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before issuance of a first Office Action in the application, no fee is required.

APPLICATION SERIAL NO.  
10/715,164

ATTY DOCKET NO.  
80337.00010

Early action on the merits of Applicant's claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

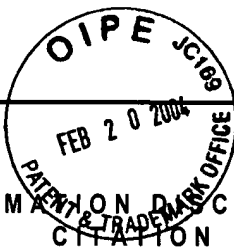
Court B. Allen

Courtenay B. Allen  
Reg. No. 43,469  
LOEFFLER JONAS & TUGGEY LLP  
755 East Mulberry, Suite 200  
San Antonio, Texas 78212  
(210) 244-8848  
(210) 354-4034 (FAX)

ATTORNEYS FOR APPLICANT

Date: Feb. 20, 2004

EXPRESS MAIL "Post Office to Addressee"
Mailing Label No.: <u>EV307491364US</u>
Date of Deposit: <u>February 20, 2004</u>



(Use several sheets if necessary) [Page 1 of 1]	ATTY DOCKET NO: 80337.00010	SERIAL NO. 10/715,164
APPLICANT: RICHARD L. WATSON		
FILING DATE: 11/17/2003		GROUP:

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Ex. Initial	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	6,503,450	01/07/2003	AFZAL, ET AL.	422	45	12/30/1999
	6,352,525	03/05/2002	WAKABAYASHI	604	322	09/22/1999
	6,210,360	04/03/2001	KONG	604	73	05/26/1999
	6,152,902	11/28/2000	CHRISTIAN, ET AL.	604	320	06/03/1997
	6,142,982	11/07/2000	HUNT, ET AL.	604	313	05/13/1998
	6,024,731	02/15/2000	SEDDON, ET AL.	604	317	10/17/1996
	5,944,703	08/31/1999	DIXON, ET AL.	604	319	10/11/1995
	5,678,564	10/21/1997	LAWRENCE, ET AL.	128	761	08/07/1992
	5,634,893	06/03/1997	RISHTON	604	4	04/24/1995
	5,522,808	06/04/1996	SKALLA	604	319	02/18/1994
	5,466,229	11/14/1995	ELSON, ET AL.	604	317	08/06/1993
	5,449,347	09/12/1995	PREEN, ET AL.	604	118	07/05/1994
	5,429,601	07/04/1995	CONLEY, ET AL.	604	65	08/11/1993
	5,419,769	05/30/1995	DEVLIN, ET AL.	604	119	10/23/1992
	5,134,994	08/04/1992	SAY	128	200.24	02/12/1990
	5,073,172	12/17/1991	FELL	604	119	01/19/1988
	5,002,541	03/26/1991	CONKLING, ET AL.	604	319	12/22/1986
	4,930,997	06/05/1990	BENNETT	417	410	08/19/1987
	4,710,165	12/01/1987	MCNEIL, ET AL.	604	67	09/16/1985

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION
	2307180	21.05.1997	GREAT BRITIAN	A61M 1	00	NO
	2336546	27.10.1999	GREAT BRITIAN	A61M 1	00	NO

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Include Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

Ametek Product Bulletin, Lamb Electric, Mar., 1998

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

\* Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form next communication to applicant.